

REMARKS:

The Office action mailed August 29, 2007 has been received and carefully considered. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. In view of the following and the Request for Continued Examination, reconsideration of the application as amended hereby is respectfully requested.

For some reason priority has been and continues to follow a tortured path in this application. To again try to resolve the priority issue, a petition to modify the claim of priority to claim priority from Serial No. 09/644,722 is concurrently submitted, along with an amendment to the Cross Reference portion of the specification and a new Data Sheet.

The Examiner indicates that the limitation "concave" with respect to Claim 57 is not found in the device of Serial No. 09/644,722. Applicant does not concur with this interpretation. Attached is page 171 from Webster's Seventh Collegiate Dictionary which is a widely recognized dictionary of the English language and which indicates that concave means "hollowed or rounded inward". While the channel sides of the 09/644,722 structure are not rounded, they are hollowed inwardly, see for example, Fig. 4. Consequently, it is urged that 09/644,722 does support the term concave.

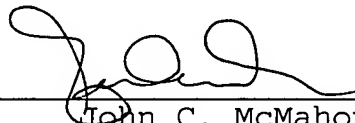
Claim 57 was rejected as anticipated by the Jackson publication 2002/0068973. In accordance with the above

discussion, it is urged that the present application finds full support for the limitations of Claim 57 in Serial No. 09/644,722 which has a priority date before the cited publication of applicant. Consequently, it is urged that Claim 57 is allowable.

The remaining claims have been rejected as obvious in view of the publication of applicant 2002/0068973. It is urged that the cited publication fails to teach the various materials of construction. Furthermore, it is urged that the claims except for the material of construction find support in the 09/644,722 priority reference which predates the teachings of the later cited application. Consequently, it is urged that the remaining claims are allowable also.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

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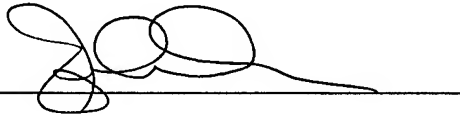
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